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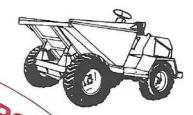




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**FOREWARD** 

by Ivor Beeks

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With the accent on youth, we will be trying to bring you some pre-match entertainment this year, and in particular the send off to our coaching scheme.

The involvement at our new ground has taken a lot of time and Brian Lee has been fully employed in this direction, ensuring that the new stadium meets all of the stringent requirements. The Taylor report may make further alterations, but it is pleasing to know that we have someone who is working on the project fully in our interests.

When you read this foreward, you will know that John Goldsworthy has decided to step down as a Director and Football Secretary. It is very difficult to précis the Club's thanks in this forward for someone who has spent 15 years of involvement to the Club on a very full-time/part time basis, we shall miss his expertise and knowledge and on behalf of the Board and all the supporters, our grateful thanks John for all your support and time.

Behind every good man comes another! And Alan Hutchinson has agreed to become Club Secretary after John has eased him into the seat. Incidentally, John has agreed to help out at the Club still, so his smiling face will not be lost.

It is my sincere wish that we try and bring to you entertaining football and the enjoyment of the game. If we achieve that this year, it will be another memorable year. Kind regards to you all.

Ivor L. Beeks Chairman

Welcome to our last season at Loakes Park, one which I trust will bring entertainment and good support.

Twelve months have seen many changes on and off the field, but there are still more to explain.

We have now appointed Jim Kelman to the position of full time manager as a step to prepare for the future, and in particular "Wycombe Into The Community".

During the course of this year you will be able to see Jim coaching young boys and girls in schools throughout the Wycombe Area with the F.A. courses. In conjunction with Jim will be a number of players including John Granville, who will be working closely with Jim on this project.

Our youth policy has been extended to Wycombe Wanderers Lions who will be presenting an under-11 side and under-13 side this season.

Talking of youth, my thanks to Bernard and Kathy Hatt of Hatts Locksmiths for sponsoring our family enclosure this year, and in our first year at the new ground. We have been

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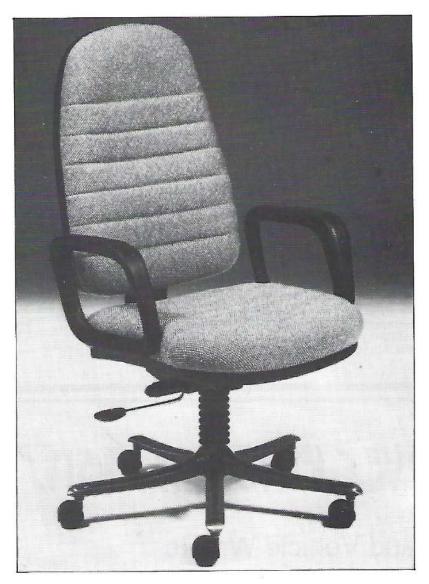
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## **Editor's Introduction**

by Philip Ball

Welcome to the 1989/90 Wycombe Wanderers Handbook - a review of the 1988/89 season.

The aim of this publication is to provide an illustrated record of what was probably the most memorable season ever experienced by many of the present contingent of Wanderers fans. It was the season where our club finally achieved what it had failed to do since the formation of the Alliance League - to compete at the very top level of non-league football. Since the heady days of the early seventies the club had been a sleeping giant (to quote one of the endless cliches spouted about the club during the season), and it took an injection of professionalism and ambition - and not a small amount of cash - to wake us up from that long sleep.

There were obviously numerous factors which contributed to the success of 88/89; the manager, the board, the players, the supporters, the money, the numerous unpaid volunteers, the sponsors, and many many more. Which of these factors were the most significant has inevitably been the subject of numerous discussions and arguments, but undoubtedly they all played their part. One cannot help wondering what might have been had all those factors worked together as well as they did towards the end of the season, from the very start - a start which saw us win just one of our first seven G.M.V.C. matches.

The tremendous success achieved on the pitch soon reflected on the terraces, and we enjoyed staggering, record breaking attendances both home and away. Our attendances at home reached levels that most people thought would never be seen again at Loakes Park, culminating in the highest G.M.V.C. attendance of the season, when 4,890 turned out to see the Kettering match, whilst 4,239 watched the Kidderminster match.

Away from home the travelling Chairboys increased in numbers as the season progressed, and reached a level where they were more noticable at many away grounds than the home fans. Their behaviour was impeccable, and gave the club's travelling fans a reputation that is a credit to the Club.

Those fans who travelled to see the team away from home experienced a totally different type of enjoyment to the home matches. Travelling to such places as Macclesfield, Telford, Runcorn, Maidstone, Enfield, Northwich, Boston and Weymouth and coming away with a win, was an experience difficult to describe.

A factor which is usually overlooked whilst enjoying the freedom of such awaydays, whether they be by the organised supporters coaches or those arranged by the supporters themselves, such as trains, cars, or buses (any others?), is that the freedom itself should be enjoyed. Those fans who travelled to York City by train for our F.A. Cup match a few years ago may know what I mean. Travelling to away games for supporters of most professional clubs can be a worrying, uncomfortable and even degrading experience. It often means being escorted to and from the ground, shepherded by police, and then caged behind fences with a restricted view of the match, often with the worse facilities in the ground and sometimes paying more than the home fans.

Following Wycombe Wanderers away from home is, however, a totally different experience. Not once was there any need for police involvement, and only three times were we segregated from the home fans - at Aylesbury, Yeovil (with non-existent facilities) and at Newport (in a cage with awful visibility). This enabled us to travel all around the country, and enjoy not only the tremendous football, but also visiting new towns and meeting new people, including fans from the opposing teams.

With so many simplistic and ill-conceived plans looming over our game -l.D. cards, reduced terracing, banning of away fans etc - all of which may indeed contribute to reducing trouble at football matches - but at what cost? We could all think of a way of reducing trouble at football matches, but the means do not always justify the end. This debate is of course a very complex one, which I could not hope to cover in this article, but one cannot help but to conclude that the majority are suffering for the misdemeanors of the minority, and the solutions put forward look to be further accentuating that trend.

These plans appear that they will have by far the most effect on the Football League Clubs, and this may be to the benefit of non-league football, if that is where the true football fans turn to for freedom to enjoy the game.

On the positive side, recent events have highlighted that the major priority must be the safety of the fans themselves, and at last their needs are being considered, and their views are being listened to, mainly via the ever-more influential supporters organisations such as the F.S.A. - the Football Supporters Association.

Thankfully the greater communications that have come into being since the Hillsborough tragedy have made more people aware that the treatment of fans is a major influence on the way that they behave. More thought is being put into the way that fans are guided into grounds, the space provided, the state of the ground, the safety precautions, the facilities, the view of the match, and how to deal with the hooligans.

Let us hope that this greater communication leads us to a solution that we all want - to get rid of the hooliganism and let us all enjoy our football in the way we want to. Just a look at a typical crowd at Wycombe Wanderers shows a trouble free and enjoyable game, where over 80% of the fans choose to stand on their feet. Even half of those who pay the extra money to go in the seated area, then choose to stand up. At our matches at Boston and Kettering last season, who probably have the best stands in the league, the stands remained about a third full, whilst the majority chose to stand. Proposals for all-seater stadiums are certainly a simple way of controlling fans and making more money, but clearly not giving the fans what they want. When the first all seater stadiums do appear, they will probably stop trouble at that particular ground, but it will simply move elsewhere. Seats at a football ground are not going to suppress the desire that many people have to beat the living daylights out of each other, especially when the punishment for getting caught doing so, is so small.

These doubts about the future of our game, and particularly the Football League, have put many people in two minds about the ambitions to achieve such a status. However, we can only hope that the "powers that be" consider our wishes when deciding the future of the sport, and in the meantime we must devote our efforts to our aim of achieving the highest level of football we can for the club, the town and the fans.

Whilst the future of the sport in general is left in the hands of bodies such as the Football League, the Football Association, the Government and those who run the clubs, we are all concerned in the more short term with the affairs of our own club Wycombe Wanderers.

We are currently in the hands of our board of Directors, the Management Committee and our Manager. We must give them the backing that they deserve - usually that will be simply by paying our entrance fees and cheering the team on, and for others there may be a more active role. Obviously we may not always agree with the way they do things, and in these circumstances we should make our opinions felt in a constructive manner. Our board of Directors encourage people to ask questions, and let us hope that they will continue to listen.

The contents of this handbook have been relatively easy to produce - it is a pleasure to write about something that has been such a pleasure, but obviously such publications rely on the support and help of others. Again we have been blessed with tremedous support from local businesses who have supplied the advertising to fund the project, many of whom are continuing their support from previous handbooks. Special thanks also go to the contributors, namely Simon Burrage for his review of the season, Paul Lewis and the Bucks Free Press for the photos, and Alan Parry and Jim Kelman for their articles.

Special thanks also go to P. K. Graphics for their tremendous efforts not only in producing this handbook, but also putting in such hard work to produce our matchday programmes throughout the season under such difficult conditions - particularly dealing with me as programme editor!

Thanks, as usual, for another season of tremendous effort and great help from John Goldsworthy, who has recently resigned as Club Secretary. I could not possibly attempt to do justice to the amount of work he has done for our club, in fact John is the only one who will ever know that - apart from perhaps his wife. For what it's worth - thank you John.

As we look back over the highs and lows of the previous season, let us look forward to the current season. Having set ourselves a standard, we have the daunting task of trying to improve on it. To do so would be a tremendous achievement, but to fail should not be seen as a failure, as a top three place is also the aim of every other club in the G.M.V.C. some of whom are better equipped and funded at present than we. Personally I would like to see a season of entertaining football, enjoyable matches, and trouble-free terraces, and if we have achieved that it will be a success. If that also achieves a high league placing then that is an excellent bonus, but if the title is all we are playing for, then half of the teams may as well give up at Christmas.

Here's to an enjoyable season's football......

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Looking back over the past 12 months, for me, probably the most significant fact is that as a Club we finally "arrived" in the Conference.

It certainly did not look that way after our first seven fixtures. Those early games where we played so well and yet conceded so many goals, were a very firm indication that unless we brought in new defenders, then it would be another season of doubt and despair.

Also, during the early part of the season, we had more than our fair share of long term injuries. This meant that the squad grew and reached, at one stage, 23 players.

Inevitably players had to move on and by September/October, we were putting together the first of two "runs". This was due to us settling into the style of play which proved so successful throughout the season.

Glyn Creaser and Andy Kerr formed the basis of our five at the back with John Granville providing the last line of defence in goal. The sweeper position alternated between Keith Barrett and Andy Robinson with Steve Abbley and Sean Norman playing right and left full-back, but pushing on and taking the game to the opposition whenever possible.

In mid-field, Martin Blackler, Dave Carroll and Andy Robinson were the any two from three, with Dave Carroll missing for a while with a broken collar bone.

Up front, Kevin Durham wide left, John Kerr wide right and Mark West, started scoring goals that took Mark and Kevin into the Conference goal-scoring charts and sent Wycombe Wanderers surging up the league.

Over Christmas we were the only Club in the Conference to take maximum points, and these wins triggered off the second "run" which took us into the Trophy Quarter Finals and into the top four of the Conference.

No longer were we a Club hoping to go away from home and get a point. The belief and confidence meant that wherever we travelled, it was three points that we expected, and in many cases gained.

During this exciting period, our support grew to such an extent that they were the ones at times getting the headlines, with our local radio station comparing our supporters to those of the League Division 3, Reading, on the day of our home match with Kidderminster.

The only problem with scaling heights is that when you lose, the defeats are harder to take and disappointments

by Jim Kelman

much larger.

I certainly felt several disappointments last season with the following being the hardest to take.

- Being two goals up against Maidstone and Chorley and then being beaten by both of them 3-2.
- 2. The injuries to:

Matt Crossley - we sorely missed his defensive ability early on.

Andy Kerr - his injury against Merthyr meant the defence had to change again.

Steve Abbley - had Steve not been carried off at Hyde, it might have been a different story.

- 3. Going out of the Trophy without playing to our true potential.
- At the third time of asking, completely dominating 4. Kettering and then losing to a "soft" own goal.
- Newport County their demise cost us dearly at the 5. time when we needed any breaks to go for us to mount a serious challenge.

To counteract these disappointments, there were also times of great satisfaction and elation.

- The marvellous support both at home, and especially away, when our fans often out-numbered the home support. Also, the way our fans behaved was a credit to themselves and to Wycombe Wanderers.
- The way in which the team played with tremendous 2. spirit and courage after having Keith Barrett sent off just before half time at Kidderminster, and a penalty awarded against them. Although we lost in the end, 2-0, we didn't allow Kidderminster the satisfaction of dominating us and running up a cricket score.
- The six match winning sequence during which we 3. did the double over Aylesbury and were the last team to beat Maidstone at their home ground.
- The victory over Kidderminster at home in front of a huge crowd of over 4,000 and the way in which Andy Kerr celebrated his goal.
- And finally, our tremendous record away from home against our Northern and Midland Conference colleagues - the wins at Runcorn, Macclesfield, Northwich Victoria, Telford and Boston.

Looking forward to the next season and what it will bring, is what we all do. All I know is that last season has given us the belief and confidence to fear no-one. The squad is stronger and the Club is poised on the threshold of a new era with the move next season to Adams Park, Sands.

There will always be transfers in and out and new faces are good for both supporters and players alike.

I would like to think that if we go just that little bit better right from the start next seson, it could be a cause for double celebrations this time next year.

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## COMMENTARY

#### BY ALAN PARRY



Statistics are the working tools of any commentator's life but rarely do they bring the personal satisfaction of this opportunity to chronicle the achievements of my favourite football team, Wycombe Wanderers.

Looking back over a truly memorable season, I unearthed these facts and figures.

Gates at Loakes Park rose by a staggering 54 % to give an average home attendance of 2,248.

The Crowd of 4,890 for the visit of Kettering was the highest for any match in the Conference throughout the season.

Other big attendances - 4,239 for Kidderminster and 3,873 against Macclesfield - meant that Wycombe recorded three of the top six Conference crowds of the season.

Our run of 14 league games without defeat was bettered only by the Champions, Maidstone (17 undefeated).

Our record of only nine defeats in 40 league games - 42 if you include the games against Newport County - was also beaten only by Maidstone (just six defeats).

We scored more goals - 78 if you include the Newport results - than any team, other than the Champions.

Once again, it was only Maidstone (with 7 goals against Altrincham) who could boast a bigger victory than our 6-1 thrashing of Stafford.

Mark West's 26 goals made him one of the most prolific marksmen in the Conference.

Two individual awards came Wycombe's way - John Kerr was goalscorer of the month in January, and Jim Kelman was manager of the month in February.

Our final position - 4th - was the best we've ever achieved, and, incidentally, won me a private bet with the manager for which I still await settlement!

They say that you can make statistics prove anything you want, but no-one could deny that those figures prove that Wycombe Wanderers are on the march. I firmly believe that the appointment of Jim Kelman as manager and the election of Ivor Beeks as Chairman will be seen as the decisions which eventually launch our Club into the Football League - the above statistics simply prove that the foundation for a successful football club has been well

and truly laid, if the chairman will forgive my building metaphor!

It all seems a million miles from the dark days when we were facing relegation and the local press was full of accusations and recriminations. I said at the time that all that was needed was a healthy dose of patience - and I'm delighted that I've been proved right.

The future looks very exciting. Jim Kelman has built a sound, talented squad and is slowly piecing together a very professional back-up system to produce good quality reserve and youth teams.

Off the field, the club's commercial activities are being widened in many new directions under the guidance of Allan Robson, and the board of Directors is shaping the long-term strategy of Wycombe Wanderers in an expert, ambitious fashion.

The new stadium is beginning to take shape and all around the area there's a real buzz that Wanderers are progressing along the right lines. As I've said before, in our match-day programme, I feel very fortunate to be in at the start of a success story which I'm convinced will lead all the way to a place in the Football League.

I think the key word behind this dramatic change of fortunes is ENTHUSIASM. You can't achieve anything in life unless you want it badly enough and now, at last, the club has stopped dwelling on the past and started building for the future.

Messrs Beeks and Kelman both have masses of infectious enthusiasm in their own particular roles for the club and it inevitably rubs off on other people. They both believe that problems are there to be defeated, not accepted.

Personally, I detest pessimism and negative thinking and I believe that you must take a positive approach to everything you do in life. I wouldn't be involved with Wycombe Wanderers if I didn't believe that the club is progressive.

My vision for the future is an exciting one - can you imagine this scenario; one victory needed for promotion to the Football League; the win is achieved in our last game of the season - and our last ever game at Loakes Park; the official opening of Adams Park is conducted with Liverpool as the visitors for a pre-season friendly before a capacity crowd; the following week we kick-off with a home game in our first-ever season in the Fourth Division.

And why not? Ten years ago, who would have believed that Wimbledon would beat Liverpool in the final of the F.A. Cup? The answer is that the people of Wimbledon believed it - and if the people of Wycombe have similiar belief, anything is possible.

Let ENTHUSIASM be the key word for the future. If we can sweep away cynicism and negative thinking and if everyone concerned can pull in the same direction, the future for Wycombe Wanderers is limitless.

There will, of course, be setbacks and disappointments along the way and the methods chosen to achieve success won't necessarily please everyone, but we've all got to support the common cause - a place in the League, and not just as a one-season wonder.

Here's wishing everyone connected with Wycombe Wanderers a happy and successful season.

### YOUTH TEAM REPORT

by Alan Hutchinson

Our newly-created Youth Team have completed their first season and assessment time is here.

After arriving at a squad of 22 players via trials and watching various players in pre-season, coaching and training sessions were arranged before playing a number of friendly matches. Competing in the East Berks League, the first youth team to do so, a run of six unbeaten games reflected the strength of the squad at the start. Unfortunately injuries plus departures to colleges and universities saw some of the stronger players leave.

Additional players were brought in, all 16 year olds, and although good players, they lacked the physical strength of the older departees. The team entered four competitions, the East Berks League, the League Cup, the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup and the Wycombe Junior Cup. In the league a creditable third place was achieved, more so as the last six games had five 16 year olds in the team. After a series of excellent results the team reached the semi-finals of the League Cup before losing to the eventual winners, SYCOB. It took only one round to exit from the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup, beaten 2-1 by Slough Town Reserves, who went on to win it.

With lads taking part in the Capital League it meant the loss of our stronger players for the Wycombe Junior Cup, and a team of 16 year olds were beaten 2-1 by Prestwood in the Quarter Finals.

Those players who were drafted into the Capital League performed well. Two remarkable matches at Cambridge Utd and Southend were of great credit to them. Four players emerged as regular members of the side: they were Tim Hinton, Adam Markwell, David Meli and Matthew

Elworthy. In particular, Matt Elworthy performed consistently well throughout the season both for the Youth and Capital League sides.

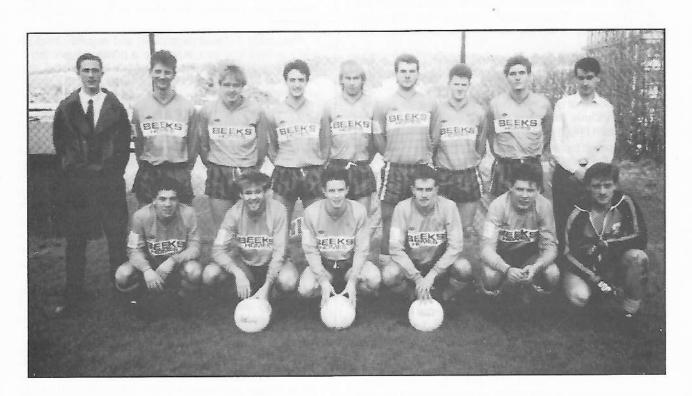
The use of Youth team players and others recommended by the Scouts did ease the first teamers who were able to conserve their efforts for the Conference matches and Cup games.

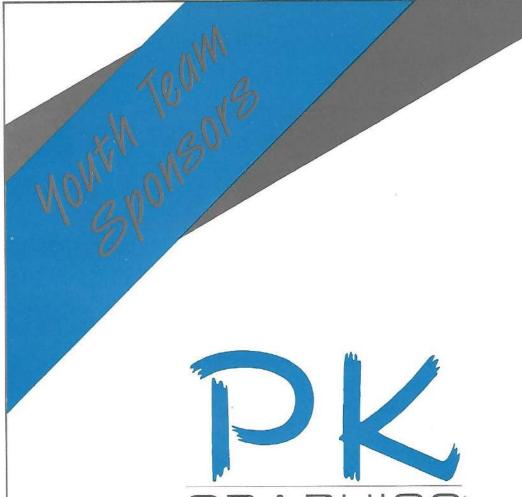
Another area of success was the interest shown by local minor/youth teams who wanted to send players along for trials, an immediate reaction to the club being involved with the local community. This spilled over into the Intermediate and Senior clubs in the vicinity, who were regular visitors to Capital League fixtures eyeing various players for the coming season.

For the younger players it has been an experience, mingled with opportunity, to witness what goes on behind the scenes at a top non-league club. Those who have found it hard realise early on in their careers the dedication, determination and loyalty required to succeed at the highest level.

Already two younger sides have been added to the fold this season. Sometime in the future even a ladies team could be considered. All this is a good step toward building the club for the future, part of the preparation for Football League status when it arrives.

For the coming season the team will continue in the East Berks League, and hopefully enter the Berks and Bucks Junior Cup and the Wycombe Senior Cup. Many players have been invited to come along for trials in the search for a squad of players for 1989-90.





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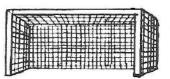
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# The Ups & Downs of 1988/89

by Simon Burrage

No single statistic could ever tell the story of a football season, its triumphs and its disappointments, but a glance at the club's final 1988-89 league position in the GM Vauxhall Conference table goes a long way in doing so. Our two previous positions in the top flight of non-league football, 18th and 19th, had left many of us longing for a season in which Wycombe Wanderers would become securely established as one of the leading Conference Clubs, and in 1988-89 this was well and truly achieved. Under the leadership of Jim Kelman, in his first full season in charge at Loakes Park, many memorable matches were seen by crowds which steadily grew as the season progressed to the sort of numbers which all but the most optimistic must have imagined were just a memory of the past.

Attendances of 2,3 and even 4,000 were regularly filling the famous old ground, attracted by some excellent football and long sequences of results which led to promotion to the Football League becoming a distinct possibility as the season headed towards its climax. The season also had its low points, of course, notably the club's departure from the FA Cup Competition in the final qualifying round and from the FA Trophy at the quarter-final stage when a long awaited trip to Wembley was a very strong hope, but on the whole this was a campaign to be proud of, for players, officials and supporters alike.

With a number of players taking time to settle into the side, and one or two weak points in the squad not strengthened until the new season was well underway, it now seems strange to recall how badly the Wanderers struggled for the first month of the new term. After an indifferent batch of pre-season friendlies, which included a 4-1 home win over Harrow Borough, but then a home defeat by Kingstonian (1-2) and a heavy away reversal at Bromsgrove (0-4), the Chairboys made the trip to Yeovil for the first match of the league campaign. Yeovil had just regained their place in the GM Vauxhall Conference following promotion from the Vauxhall-Opel League, and consequently there was much local interest; a crowd of 3,107 included a large contingent from Wycombe, most of whom were happy to return with a point after Mark West's perfectly lobbed goal gave us a second half



Mark West drives the ball home to put us 1-0 up after just 8 minutes against Maidstone.

equaliser. It was to prove a precious point as the next three Conference fixtures all resulted in defeats, leaving the Wanderers in 20th place with premature visions of another season of relegation struggle already begining to form in some quarters.

The first of these three defeats was at the hands of Maidstone United, visiting Loakes Park with a team strongly tipped to be in the Championship running in eight months time, and including former Wycombe favourite Noel Ashford in their ranks. The 1,674 crowd were delighted to see Mark West, and the new signing Dave Carroll from Ruislip Manor, put the Blues 2-0 up after 18 minutes play. Carroll's goal was particularly well taken and should have inspired the team to three points, but it was Maidstone who took the initiative from then on and they eventually ran out 3-2 winners. The following Saturday was one of the season's longest away trips for the Chairboys - to Chorley, Lancashire, to play another newly promoted side. Once again a new Wycombe signing, this time Steve Abbley from Cheltenham Town, got his name on the score-sheet with a neatly headed goal after just four minutes. A powerful strike by Kevin Durham shortly after half time put us 2-0 up, but again this only served to inspire our opponents to another 3-2 recovery. It was a long journey home from Chorley but worse was to come when Northwich Victoria came to Loakes Park and won with embarassing ease, 4-1.



Cheltenham's Steve Brooks fires a free kick towards Steve Crompton's goal, as messrs Norman, Robinson, Abbley, Durham and Blackler form a wall.

The pressure was on the following Saturday when Cheltenham Town were the visitors, and thankfully a Mark West goal was enough to earn those much needed points. It was only another three days before another home defeat was inflicted by Barnet, in a match which will always be remembered for an unusual story concerning the tall Barnet central defender Glyn Creaser. A second-half fracas with Mark West left the Wycombe player on the floor and Creaser heading for the players' tunnel for an early bath - as Wanderers fans in the 1815 crowd bayed their approval of the referee's decision, manager Jim Kelman was possibly the only Wycombe man cursing the incident as he knew Creaser was to sign for Wycombe Wanderers the next day - now with an automatic suspension on the way. The transfer fee of £17,500 was a club record and clear evidence of the club's determination to strengthen the team when necessary.

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Glyn was to prove an invaluable asset in shoring up a leaky Blues defence, but he could not prevent his new team falling to defeat on his Wycombe debut, by 2-1 at Kettering, despite the welcome return of John Granville in the Wanderers' goal and a magnificently struck equaliser from Martin Blackler shortly before half-time. Kettering were another side expected to push for the top positions - they were eventually pipped for the championship by Maidstone, and were narrow winners over the Wanderers on three occasions over the course of the season - but for most of the second half of this game struggled unimaginatively to break through the Blues defence, until a reckless challenge gave them a penalty for the decisive goal. There was a greater degree of resilience from Jim Kelman's men that afternoon and some room for cautious optimisim as the team and its supporters headed back down the M1.

That optimism, nevertheless, appeared to be well justified three days later when another battling performance and a solitary goal from Dave Carroll earnt the Chairboys their first away win of the season, at Welling United. Few of us, however, could have expected that this would mark the start of an unbeaten league run which would last until 19th November, spanning 10 Conference matches and taking



Kevin Durham stretches to outjump a Runcorn defender in our 3-3 draw, as Scott Young looks on.

Wycombe up to 9th place in the table in the process. For the time being our thoughts turned towards the FA Cup, as Haverhill Rovers were soundly beaten 4-1 at Loakes Park the following Saturday. Then followed another midweek trip to the South East of London for a Conference fixture with Fisher Athletic. The customary sparse crowd at the Surrey Docks Stadium inevitably boosted by the ever growing band of Wycombe away followers, saw an

entertaining game in which the Blues again showed great commitment and spirit, and were well worth at least a point but it was not until Kevin Durham netted with virtually the last kick of the match that the scores were tied up at 3-3. Ten minutes earlier Mark West had unfortunately missed a penalty and it looked as though the team's efforts would go unrewarded, but justice was eventually done, much to the delight of the Wycombe contingent.

Runcorn were the visitors to Loakes Park on the last Saturday in September, and again a 3-3 draw resulted, on this occasion Runcorn equalising late in the game



John Kerr leaps to a header against Welling

thanks to an uncharactistic blunder by keeper John Granville. 1,672 fans turned out at for the visit of ex-Football Leaguers Newport County the following Tuesday, and the revitalised Wanderers punished the Welshman with three late goals for a hansom 5-0 win. (No one can have known at the time, of course, but these turned out to be wasted efforts as the Newport club's financial difficulties eventually led to the closure of the club and their playing record from the league being expunged). Into October, comfortable 3-0 wins at Finchley in the 2nd Qualifying Round of the FA Cup was followed by the return Conference fixture with Welling United; a crowd of 1,552 saw Wycombe fortunate to escape defeat by virtue of an 89th minute own goal, in a match which marked the Wycombe debut of American striker John Kerr, who after an uneven start was to become a major factor in the team's steady improvement. By now the Wanderers were in 17th place in the Conference table, and the following Tuesday had a long trip to Weymouth for a league fixture which will be remembered by those

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14 Vincents Way, Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks HP14 4RA present, as much for the day's weather as for the match itself. After a bright morning the seaside town was lashed and battered for most of the afternoon by torrential rain and gales, which had Wycombe supporters, who had arrived in town early, resigned to the prospect of postponement. Strangely, the storm stopped as suddenly as it started, and the teams ran out onto the saturated but playable playing surface. Weymouth were unbeaten at home up to this point, but a powerful all round performance from the Blues was rewarded with an excellent 3-0 away win. Rain began to sweep across the ground again during the closing stages, and it was clear that had the game kicked off 15 minutes later it would almost certainly have been abandoned. What was also clear was that 100 Wycome fans now had to find their way home through another freakish storm, but after the performance they had seen, they were more than happy in doing so.

At this stage of the season (mid-October) our Saturdays were, every 2 or 3 weeks, being taken up with the FA Cup Qualifying Competition. This was a routine relatively new to many of us, as the Club had for many years enjoyed exemption through these stages. Consequently there was

a number of former Loakes Park favourites. 1,100 interested viewers filled the compact Staines ground and saw Mark West's second half goal earn the Blues a place



Mark West turns away in celebration of his equalising goal against Kettering in the F.A. Cup, as keeper Kevin Shoemake looks hopefully towards an official

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some novelty value for supporters in seeing the likes of Haverhill and Finchley instead of our regular diet of Conference fixtures, and in the 3rd Qualifying Round a particularly intriguing tie was in store, with the Wanderers travelling to Staines Town, now managed by the popular ex-Wycombe boss Alan Gane, with a team comprising of



Mark West just manages to get in his cross despite the challenge of Staines' defender Dave Holl

in the 4th and final qualifying round, this of course being the all important final hurdle before the Competition Proper, and the stage at which many other top non-league sides join the fray. The draw paired the Chairboys with the current Conference leaders Kettering Town; though we were to have home advantage the draw could not have been much tougher. In the meantime there was a home league match with Telford United, and a 1-0 win continued our steady rise up the Conference table to 13th. A crowd of nearly 2,500 was present for the Kettering FA Cup game, where a late goal gave the visitors a narrow but deserved 2-1 success, ending the Wycombe cup hopes for another season and ensuring that we will again play from the 1st Qualifying Round next season. Kettering, for their part, went on to defeat two Football League sides in the following rounds, Bristol Rovers and Halifax Town, finally losing 2-1 at Charlton Athletic.

Now early into November, it was back to league business the following Saturday with a long trip to Boston United's impressive York Street ground. A 23rd minute penalty converted by Sean Norman and the kind of determined and disciplined performance which was becoming the team's trademark, earnt another very satisfying away win, and another three points which took the name of Wycombe Wanderers to the heady heights of 8th place in the Conference table. It was all a far cry from our previous

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visit to Boston when a sorry-looking Wycombe side had been beaten 4-0 and looked doomed for relegation; how quickly things can change, and how different it feels on the other side of that narrow line between success and failure.

Enfield were the visitors to Loakes Park the following Tuesday, and an entertaining game was won by the Wanderers 3-2, with goals from West, Osborne (his one and only goal of the season dogged by injury) and John Kerr. Four days later Sutton United surprised 1,884 fans at Loakes Park by taking a 2-0 lead, before West, and finally Kevin Durham, with a few minutes remaining, saved the unbeaten run from extinction. The sequence was only to last for one more week, however. A fixture away to Kidderminster Harriers, an attractive, talented side now top of the Conference table and in good form themselves, was obviously going to stretch the resources of the revitalised Wycombe team to the limit, but it was a challenge many were looking forward to. In the event it was a disappointing afternoon for us, partly in that the unbeaten run was ended by a 2-0 defeat, but mainly by the manner of the defeat. Having weathered a early onslaught from the home side, during which Kidderminster produced some scintillating football but no goals, the Wanderers hit back, and were themselves unlucky not to open the scoring on a couple of occasions. On the stroke of half time an incident in the Wycombe penalty area led to the referee not only awarding a penalty against skipper Keith Barrett, but also to the sending off of the respected former non-league international. Despite starting the second period a goal down and a man short, the Wanderers continued to press forward, until a mistake by keeper Granville doubled the deficit and effectively ended the spirited resistance of the Wycombe players, who never the less left the field to defiant appreciation from their sizable away following.

The following Saturday a two goal lead at Altrincham, courtesy of John Kerr and Kevin Durham, looked set to put the Wanderers back to winning ways, but two late Altrincham goals and a Wycombe sending-off, this time the excellent Andy Kerr (signed from Telford in October, an absolute bargain at £3,000), deprived us of the satisfaction of another away win. There were comfortable home wins over Chesham United (Berks and Bucks Senior Cup 1st Round) and Cambridge City (FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round) before our next Conference matches, a 1-0 defeat at Barnet and a 1-1 home draw with



Kevin Durham chips over the Chorley goalkeeper Colin Ridler to give us a lead. Chorley went on to secure a 1-1 draw.

Chorley, causing us to slip to 10th place in the table. After an unbeaten run of 10 league matches the Wanderers had now gone five without a victory - hardly a crisis, but worrying for the management and supporters as Christmas and the New Year approached, and the long-awaited local derbies with Aylesbury United.

Football is full of passionate rivalries between clubs and their nearest local opponents. Until recently our great adverseries were Slough Town, but that position has now been taken over by Aylesbury United, a progressive and ambitious Club, promoted to the GM Vauxhall Conference after winning the Beazer Homes League Championship. With Aylesbury in the Conference we found ourselves in direct league competition with a fellow Bucks club for the first time in many years, and as a result the two matches between the "Chairboys" and the "Ducks" meant far more than just the 6 league points at stake. Aylesbury's Buckingham Road ground was the venue for the first encounter, on a mild Boxing Day afternoon in front of a crowd of 2,406, with a 1,000 Wycombe fans squeezed into the concreted enclosure behind the goal at one end of the ground. It was this area of the ground which spent most of the afternoon in frenzied celebration as a fiercely competitive match was won by goals from Kevin Durham, in the first half, and substitute Mark West, with 6 minutes remaining. The only black spots from the Wycombe point of view were the sight of Sean Norman stretchered off

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Aylesbury's Albert Altenor gives Kevin Durham a bit of rough treatment on Boxing Day. He was later sent off for a foul on Sean Norman.

following a reckless tackle (later to make a surprisingly quick recovery in time for the next match) and the sending off of Martin Blackler in the closing minutes. This was Martin's second dismissal of the season, and the fifth such incident involving a Wycombe player. It was a situation both unusual and unwelcome to Wycombe Wanderers, and manager Jim Kelman quite rightly decided a stand had to be made. Blackler was transfer listed, but after many weeks of uncertainty and strong interest from Bath City, offering the asking price of £10,000, it came as good news to most of the club's supporters that the popular midfield player was to stay at Loakes Park after all.

Before the return match with Aylesbury there was a New Years Eve trip to Dartford, temporary home of Maidstone United. Maidstone were stunned by early strikes from John Kerr and Mark West and the 2-0 lead was preserved until 15 minutes from time when the home side pulled a goal back in a sustained spell of pressure on the Wanderers' goal. The big question now was whether or not the Blues could hold out for the remaining period, but just to make sure Kevin Durham made a typically spectacular run from the half-way line to the edge of the penalty area, only to be tripped as he rounded the helpless Maidstone keeper. After a long period of treatment, Durham got to his feet to see West safely bury the

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resulting penalty and seal a marvellous 3-1 win against one of Conference's most formidable outfits. (Maidstone in fact did not lose another league fixture, either home or away, until the first week of May, when they had virtually made certain of the Championship.) This was Wycombe's 5th away win of the season - our previous best of 3 away wins in the Gola/Conference had been exceeded before the start of the new year and our league position was now 7th. Once again a long unbeaten sequence of league results was underway, which was to span 16 matches over nearly 4 months.

The return match with Aylesbury attracted a crowd of 3,211 to Loakes Park, a marvellous figure for a league fixture, but one which would be surpassed on a number of occasions in the coming months. Mark West was on the score-sheet yet again - he featured in the lists of top Conference goalscorers throughout the season though none of his efforts were more spectacular than this blistering piledriver hit completely out of the blue and from well outside the penalty area. It was enough to defeat the "Ducks" once again, although for much of the game it was they who pressed forward more strongly. (Aylesbury struggled in the bottom three for almost the entire duration of the season and were eventually relegated). The Wanderers' excellent form continued at Runcorn the following Saturday when a classic performance and goals from West, Durham and John Kerr gave us an enjoyable journey home from North Cheshire with a 3-2 win. A makeshift Wycombe team narrowly defeated Winslow United at Loakes Park, by 2-1 after extra time, in the second round of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup and this was followed by a trip to Bath City in the FA Trophy 1st round. This match was a rare Sunday fixture for the

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Andy Kerr get's a strong challenge in our F.A. Trophy match at Bath.

Chairboys by virtue of Bath's tenants, Bristol Rovers, also having a home game that weekend, and it resulted in a goalless draw. The replay at Loakes Park the following Wednesday evening was a very different affair with chances falling to both sets of forwards, but it was Wycombe who eventually made sure of a place in round two with John Kerr hitting a hat trick in a 4-0 win. Fisher Athletic were our next visitors for a league fixture; on a very wet surface the Blues produced some excellent



Mark West fires home past David Fry to give us the lead in our 3-0 victory over Fisher.

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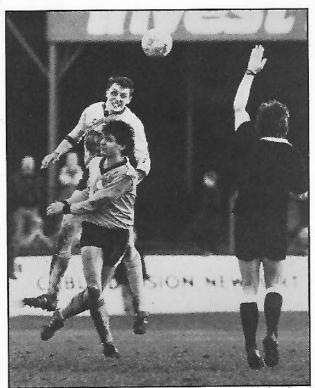
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Glyn Creaser's face shows his determination to win this header at Newport.

football and won every bit as easily as the 3-0 result suggested with goals from West, Carroll and Durham.

The team and its ever-growing legion of supporters were in a buoyant mood the following Saturday when travelling to South Wales to face Newport County, the former Football League club now struggling at the wrong end of the GM Vauxhall Conference table. As mentioned earlier, the Welsh club failed to complete their fixtures due to financial problems and their results were expunged from

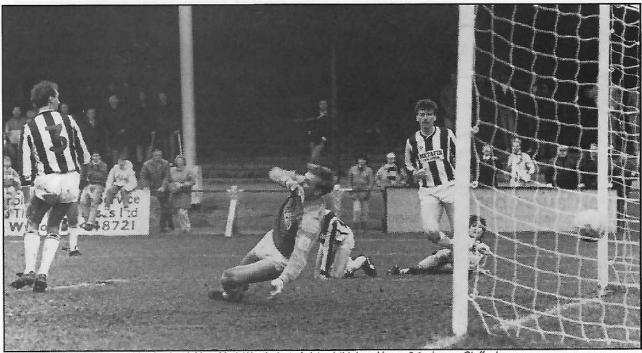
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John Kerr is still on the ground having just laid on Mark West's (out of picture) third goal in our 6-1 win over Stafford.

all club records, but despite their problems there was no lack of spirit and commitment from the Newport players on this occasion. In probably one of the season's most enthralling and entertaining matches, an early goal from West and two superb efforts by Durham put the Chairboys 3-1 ahead before being pegged back to 3-3. Further goals from John Kerr and Mark West (penalty) eventually sealed a 5-3 win and 5th place in the league table. A Tuesday night fixture at Stafford proved to be a less eventful affair, ending all square at 1-1. Now into early February, a 1-0 win at Wealdstone propelled the Wanderers into the last 16 of the FA Trophy; drawn at home to yet another Beazer Homes League club, Merthyr Tydfil, in round three, Wycombe supporters were beginning to see a Wembley appearance as a very real possibility. On the team's current form, there was no one to fear.

Stafford Rangers visited Loakes Park for their return league fixture and were soon a goal up with the 2,040 crowd wondering if the bubble was finally about to burst. but by full time the bubble had only got bigger, courtesy of a remarkable double-act by the flourishing striking partnership of Mark West and John Kerr. A hat trick from West was promptly followed by the same from Kerr for a 6-1 win and Club Chairman Ivor Beeks had the pleasure of presenting a match ball to each player in the Blues

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61 Dashwood Avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks. Telephone: HIGH WYCOMBE (0494) 30930. Clubhouse after the game. By now the Wanderers had risen to 4th place in the table, and though any such suggestion five months earlier would have probably led to a consignment of strait jackets being delivered to Loakes Park, it was beginning to dawn on everyone at the Club that the top spot was not that far away. Championship? Promotion?! The next Conference fixture - at home to Kidderminster Harriers, the Conference leaders at the

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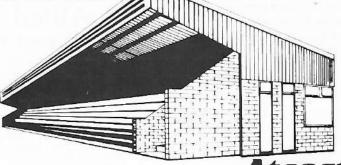
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26/12/88	Aylesbury United	GMVC	Α	W 2-0	(1-0)	2406	Durham 36, West 84	Granville	Abbley	Norman *
31/12/88	Maidstone United	GMVC	Α	W 3-1	(2-0)	1127	West 15,80, J.Kerr 22	Granville	Abbley	Norman
02/01/89	Aylesbury United	GMVC		W 1-0	(1-0)	3211	West 37	Granville	Abbley	Norman
		CL		W 4-1	(2-1)	508777 21774	J.Kerr 15, Elworthy 28, Hinton 62, Spurr 83	Lester	Hinton	Dean
12/01/89	Wokingham Town				(1-1)	774	West 14, Durham 75, J.Kerr 78	Granville	Abbley	Norman
07/01/89	Runcom	GMVC		W 3-2				Crompton	Dean	Norman
11/01/89	Winslow United	B&B2		W 2-1	(0-0)	554	J.Kerr 69, West 119	Granville	Abbley	Norman
15/01/89	Bath City	FAT1	Α		(0-0)	1174	777 2272 2772 277			
18/01/89	Bath City	FAT1r		W 4-0	(2-0)	1100	J.Kerr 32,35,84, Robinson 70	Granville	Abbley	Norman
21/01/89	Fisher Athletic	GMVC	H	W 3-0	(1-0)	1694	West 5, Carroll 65, Durham 76	Granville	Abbley	Norman
25/01/89	Aylesbury United	CL	Α	L 0-2	(0-0)			Crompton	Sherlock	Freshwater
28/01/89	Newport County	GMVC	Α	W 5-3	(2-1)	1382	West 3,86, Durham 43,50, J.Kerr 71	Granville	Abbley	Norman
31/01/89	Stafford Rangers	GMVC	A		(1-0)	999	J.Kerr 40	Granville	Abbley	Norman *
	Wealdstone	FAT2		W 1-0	(0-0)	1469	Blackler 46	Lester	Abbley	A.Kerr
04/02/89					(0-0)	1400	DIBONICI 40	Crompton	Sherlock	Freshwater
07/02/89	Leyton Orient	CL		L 0-2		0040	West 00 29 40   Vor. 42 70 74			
11/02/89	Stafford Rangers	GMVC	Н		(4-1)	2040	West 28,38,40, J.Kerr 42,70,74	Granville	Abbley	Norman
15/02/89	Southend United	CL		L 1-4	(1-1)		og 36	Lester	Spurr	Freshwater
18/02/89	Kidderminster Harriers	GMVC	Н	W 1-0	(0-0)	4239	A.Kerr 55	Granville	Abbley	Norman
22/02/89	Marlow	B&B	A	L 0-5	(0-2)	1504		Crompton	Sidley	Elworthy
25/02/89	Merthyr Tydfil	FAT3	Н	W 2-0	(2-0)	3434	West 11, Creaser 39	Granville	Abbley	Norman
04/03/89	Yeovil Town	GMVC	Н		(1-1)	3103	West 17	Granville	Abbley	Norman
07/03/89	Enfield	CL	Н		(0-1)			Crompton	Sidley	Guppy
	Hyde United	FATQ/I			(0-0)	2341		Granville	Abbley *	Norman
11/03/89		CL	Н		(0-0)	-5.5	Butler 58, Russell 69, Crossley 77,79	Crompton	Day	Freshwater
15/03/89	Welling United					2073	Evans 25,26	Granville	Abbley	Norman
18/03/89	Boston United	GMVC			(2-0)	20/3			Freshwater	Elworthy
20/03/89	Wealdstone	CL	Α		(1-0)		Waters 4, Butler 50,71,86	Crompton		
22/03/89	Gillingham	CL	Н	L 0-2	(0-2)			Lester	Hinton	Freshwater
25/03/89	Telford United	GMVC	A	W 2-1	(1-0)	1515	J.Kerr 27, Evans 60	Granville	Abbley	Norman
27/03/89	Macclesfield Town	GMVC	H	D 1-1	(0-0)	3873	J,Kerr 75	Granville	Abbley	Norman
29/03/89	Brentford	CL	A		(0-1)			Crompton	Hinton	Elworthy
01/04/89	Cheltenham Town	GMVC			(0-0)	1772	Durham 77	Granville	Abbley	Norman
		GMVC	Ĥ		(0-0)	4890		Granville	Abbley	Norman *
08/04/89	Kettering Town	GMVC			(2-1)	843	West 1,83,84, Carroll 40	Granville	Abbley	Norman
11/04/89	Enfield					043		Crompton	Wrack	Freshwater
11/04/89	Colchester United	CL	Н		(4-0)	04.15	Waters (4), Elworthy, Meli			Norman
15/04/89	Altrincham	GMVC			(0-0)	2115	Carroll 48, J.Kerr 70	Granville	Abbley	
20/04/89	Leyton Orient	CL		L 1-2	(0-0)		Waters 60	Crompton	A.Kerr	Freshwater
22/04/89	Sutton United	GMVC	A	L 0-3	(0-0)	1224		Granville	Abbley	A.Kerr *
29/04/89	Macclesfield Town	GMVC			(0-0)	1006	og 57	Granville	Abbley	Norman
01/05/89		GMVC			(0-0)	2052	STAN THE M	Granville	Abbley	Carroll
		CL	Ĥ		(- 0)	170000	Markwell, Butler	Crompton	Sherlock	Freshwater
02/05/89							A.Kerr, West, J.Kerr (2), Durham, Butler	Crompton	Norman	A.Kerr
03/05/89	Colchester United	CL	A		14.50	000				Carroll *
06/05/89	Northwich Victoria	GMVC			(1-2)	609	Creaser 4, West 68, Russell 70	Granville	Abbley	
08/05/89		CL	A		256925524		Elworthy, Markwell, Butler	Alberg	Meli	Freshwater
11/05/89		CL	A	L 0-1	(0-0)			Moussaddik	Meli	Freshwater

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ylor	Day	Osborne	Greenaway	Robinson	Price *	West	Durham	Lissaman	Elworthy#			TOTAL MANUAL
ay	Barrett	Osborne	Carroll *	Robinson	West	Young *	Durham	Greenaway				
ay	Barrett	Osborne	Carroll	Robinson	West	Young *	Durham	Abbley	Greenaway#	4.		
eiger	Ray	Price *	Greenaway	Head	Peek	Lissaman	Roderick	Elworthy#	Meli			
ay	Barrett	Durham	Abbley	Robinson	West	Young *	Greenaway	Lissaman#	Roderick			
ıy	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	Young	Durham	Roderick#	Greenaway#			
Kerr	Ray	Blackler*	Wignall	Elworthy	Peek	Regan *	Head	Price	Sidley			
ay	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley*	Robinson	West	Taylor	Durham	Young#	Greenaway			
ay	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	Taylor	Durham	Young	Greenaway#			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley *	Robinson	West	Boyland *	Durham	Regan	Greenaway			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Carroll	Robinson	West	Regan *	Durham	Young	Taylor#			
dley	Price	Markwell	Young	Lissaman	Ricketts	Boyland	Elworthy	Dean	Regan#			
easer	Barrett	Blackler*	Carroll	Robinson	West	Regan *	Durham	Young	Greenaway			
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easer	Barrett	Blackler	Carroll*	Robinson	West	Regan *	Durham	Young	Norman			
easer	Barrett	Blackler*	Abbley	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Young	Greenaway#			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham *	Young	Day#			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson *	West	J.Kerr *	Greenaway	Young	Day			
Kerr *	Day	Markwell	Osborne	Sidley	Young	Spurr	Elworthy	Crossley	May			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	Dublin	Young *	Day#	Greenaway			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	Young	Dublin	Greenaway*	Day#	Osborne			
ossley	Day	Osborne	Greenaway	Sidley *	Young	Regan	Durham *	J.Kerr	Dale			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Norman#	Osborne#			
ossley	Ray *	Osborne	Dale	Markwell *	Brady	Young	Regan	Sidley	Elworthy			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	J.Kerr *	Durham	Osborne	Brady#			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Abbley	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Osborne *	Durham	Young#			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Osborne	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Norman#	Young#			
ean *	Crossley	Markwell *	Dale	Sidley	Regan	Elworthy	Young	Meli	Ray			
easer	Barrett	Blackler	Osborne	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Norman#	Crossley#			
reaser	Barrett	Osborne	Abbley	Robinson	West *	J.Kerr	Durham	Crossley	Blackler#			
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ay	Ray	Markwell *	Dale	Sidley	Young	Elworthy	Regan	Dean	Barrett			
reaser	Robinson	Blackler	Osborne	Carroll*	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Norman	Crossley#			
reaser	Robinson	Blackler	Osborne	Carroll	West *	J.Kerr	Durham	Norman	Sidley#			
inton	Twitchen	Stanbrook	Dale	Robinson	J.Kerr*	Meli	Lockyer	Elworthy#	Crompton			
ay	Crossley	Blackler	Carroll	Robinson	J.Kerr*	Osborne	Durham	West	Sidley#			
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reaser	Barrett	Crossley	Osborne *	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham *	Carroll	Blackler			
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rice	A,Kerr	Blackler	Markwell	Goodenough		Spurr	Elworthy	Manley	Jeffries			
reaser	Barrett	A.Kerr	Carroll	Blackler	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Robinson#	Roderick#			
reaser	Robinson	A.Kerr	Markwell	Brady *	West	J.Kerr	Carroll*	Meli	Wilson			
easer	Barrett	A.Kerr	Carroll	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne#	Roderick#			
easer	Barrett	A.Kerr	Carroli	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne#	Markwell#			
easer	Barrett	A.Kerr	Carroll*	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne	Markwell#			
nton	Sullivan	Sidley *	Osborne	Blackler	Spurr	Elworthy	Stanbrook*	Kipping	Meli			
easer	Blackler	A.Kerr	Carroll	Robinson	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne#	Brady#			
easer	Robinson	A.Kerr	Carroll	Blackler	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne	Brady#			
reaser	Robinson	Blackler	Osborne	Carroll	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Norman#	Brady#			
ean	Hinton	Sidley	Odey	Brady	Gregory	Markwell	Elworthy	Kipping	Meli			
reaser	Robinson	A.Kerr	Carroll*	Blackler	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne	Brady#			
dley	Hinton	Sullivan	Markwell	Osborne	Elworthy	Brady	Taverner*	Sawyer	Kipping			
easer	Robinson	A.Kerr	Carroll	Blackler	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne#	Brady#			
ean	Hinton	Sullivan	Spurr	Osborne	Brady	Dale	Kipping	Meli	Wilson	Lester#		
easer	Robinson	A.Kerr*	Carroll	Blackler	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Osborne	Barrett#			
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ussell	Crossley*	Hinton	Gregory	Benning	Alleyne	Waters	Elworthy	Sawyer#	Day			
easer	Barrett *	Robinson	Carroll	Blackler	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Butler	Day			
ussell	* Crossley	Benning	Gregory *	Kiddie	Guppy *	Butler	Kale	Alleyne	Waters			
reaser	Robinson	Crossley	Carroll	Evans	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Blackler#	Butler#			
arkwell*	Benning	Hinton	Waters	Gregory	Butler	Guppy	Kiddie	Meli	Sidley#			
worthy	Russell	Gregory	Blackler	Barrett	Butler	Waters *	Kiddie	Meli	Markwell#			
easer	Robinson	Crossley	Carroll*	Evans *	West	J.Kerr	Durham	Butler	Russell			
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Kerr *	Benning		Blackler			Gregory		Meli				
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nning	Wiltshire	Russell	Waters	Blackler	Butler	Wrack*	Elworthy	Crossley#	Meli			
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nton *	Russell	Norman	Carroll	Markwell	Butler	Wrack	Elworthy *	Meli	O'Shea			
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easer	Norman	Russell	Blackler	Robinson	West	A.Kerr	Durham	Crossley	Butler#			
enning	A.Kerr	Wiltshire	Markwell	Wrack	Crompton	Butler	Elworthy	Sherlock#				
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